

A DISCOVERIE.

To the praise of God, and joy of all
truehearted Protestants, of a late intended
Plot by the Papists, to subdue the
Protestants.

Being a true Copy of a Discourse be-
twene *William O Conner* a Priest, and *Anne*
Hussey an Irish Gentlewoman : as it was
brought and confirmed by oath
in the Parliament house.



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A Discourse betwixt *William O Conner* a Priest, and Servant to the Queen-mother, and *Anne Hussey* an *Irish* Gentlewoman of the House of *Galtrum*, usually working at *Mistris Pinoks* House a Schoolemistris on the backside of *Lions* Inne in the Strand, at severall meetings of theirs since Easter 1640. in these words, or to this effect.



Anne Hussey comming to Goodwife *Walker*, a stocking mender in the Strand, who said to mee, I would your Countryman were as honest as you, that lyes at my house; then I asked her, who hee was? Goodwife *Walker* answered mee, and said hee is a Priest, and a servant to the Queen-mother, and if any had wit to search it out, they would find out a great deal of Treason in him: then I sayd to Goodwife *Walker*, if you will bee true to mee, and not discover me to bee a Protestant, I will fetch it out of him if I can, and Goodwife *Walker* promised, that shee would not discover mee, so the next day early in the morning, I went up to his chamber at the said Goodwife *Walkers* house, and

was directed to it by her husband, and when the Priest had opened his doore, and I in his chamber, he asked me, if I knew him? I answered no, but I inquired for an Irishman, that came with the Queen-mother, and hearing that he was one, I was bold to come up to him, to entreat him to enquire for an Uncle of mine, one Master *Nicholas Hussy* (a Priest) at the Spanish Ambassadours, whether he was alive, or come over into *England*. *William O Conner* answered me, why doe you not go and enquire your self? I answered, I being a woman, was loath to goe amongst so many men.

Priest. Are you a Catholike?

Hussy. I was born, and bred one.

P. What house of *Ireland* are you of?

H. Of the house of *Galtrum*.

P. They are Royall Catholikes, and worthy people; then he asked me what my name was? I told him *Anne Hussy*, so hee brought me to Mistris *Pinocks* house, and so departed for that time.

At a second meeting on Saturday after, *William O Conner* the Priest came againe to Mistris *Pinocks* house to aske for me, and desired me goe drink with him at a Tavern, which I refused, but went with him to one Master *Hils* an Alehouse, and there wee fell into this following discourse.

H. I told him I was troubled in minde about one thing that I desired to know.

P. You must relate it to a Priest.

H. If I knew an *Irish* Priest, that would tell mee faithfully, I would.

P. I am one my selfe, and immediatly hee crossed me over the forehead.

H. I

H. I asked him, whether the number of the Protestants, or the Papists of England were the greatest?

P. He said the Papists were.

H. Then they will conquer our Country (meaning Ireland.)

P. First, we must begin with England.

H. How, or in what manner will they begin with England? and when will it be?

P. When the King goes to Scotland.

H. There is no hope of the Kings going to Scotland.

P. I'll warrant you he doth.

H. Can you not procure me letters from beyond Sea, to helpe me to be a Nun?

P. It is a hard taske for you; to performe, to be a Nun.

H. Why, I can live chaste, I never mean to marry.

P. Although you doe not marry, you may ly with a man.

H. I but that is sin.

P. But the Priest can forgive it.

H. I know he can.

P. Yes you may ly with a man, steale, kill a man, or any man may kill a King, for the advancement of the Church of Rome, and the Priest can forgive him.

H. I have heard there is a Protestant book called a Bible, and by their report it saith, *that whosoever sheds mans blood, by man shall his blood be shed*, and we must feare God and honour the King, and pray for the King, that we may live a peaceable, a quiet and a holy life.

P. For your life read not that book, for I will not

read it for a thousand worlds, and further said, whether doe you goe to Masse?

H. To a private house I doe goe.

P. I praise God there is many of them, and bid me come next day (being Sabbath day) to St. *Iameses*, and I should heare him say Masse before the Queene-mother.

H. I have businesse to morrow, that I cannot goe thither to Masse, nor to any other place, but will some other time.

So ended our discourse at that time.

At another meeting, &c.

H. At his request I went to his Chamber at Mistris *Scarlots* house in Coven Garden, in Blackmoore streete, at the signe of the Sedan (about a fortnight after) one day in the after noone, where I found him upon his Bed, and hee gave mee three shirts of fine holland of about sixteene shillings an ell (as they were judged) to marke for him upon the breast or bosome, in this manner following.

Iesus Maria.

William O Conner.

At which time he shewed me his beads, and other knacks, and clothes made of black plush, scarlet, and as I thinke a hairecolour satten; after this I left him and carried away the shirts to be marked, but instead of marking them as hee directed, I marked them only with a Crucifix and his name, and the same night about nine of the clock, he came to me for his Shirts, and brought an Irish man with him in a long gray coate, with a sword girt close to his side, under his
arms,

arme, I asked the Priest who he was ?

P. He is one of the number of the 7000. that is in private pay, and in readinesse to aide the Catholikes, and to cut the Protestants throats that should resist them.

H. What office hath this man with them ?

P. Hee is one that blowes the Pipe, with the Drum.

H. Let mee see it, and immediatly hee drew it out and would have played on it, but I desired him to forbear, lest hee was discovered, which advise they liked well, and praysed me highly, and offered mee the lives of any, that I would desire to bee saved.

And so they departed.

About the latter end of *July* 1640. hee came to me at Mistris *Pinoock's* house aforesayd, and said hee came upon great occasion, and in great haste, and hee must immediatly returne back.

I asked him the occasion.

P. I have three Letters from the Queene mother, to be delivered to three Ambassadors, the *Spanish*, the *Venetian*, the *French*.

H. Wherefore ?

P. To send to the Pope.

H. Can you doe nothing without the Popes leave ?

P. Either by himselfe, or his Legate, wee must know when to begin.

H. To begin what ?

P. The subduing of the Protestants.

H, I

H. I doe not like their fury, if they once draw the sword they are like Lions.

P. What are they, if their King be cut off?

H. You can never overcome the King by the sword.

P. If we cannot that way, we can another.

H. How?

P. Doe you think my Lady and Queen is a fool?

H. I do not think she is a fool.

P. If no hand will doe it, this hand shall.

H. Do what?

P. Kill him.

H. Who?

P. The King.

H. What, you kill the King?

P. Ah! kill an hereticke at any time for the advancement of the mother-Church of Rome, and swore by Saint *Francis*, and Saint *Dominick*, that he would doe it, and promised to come againe on Munday after to pay me for marking of his shirts, and to bestow some bracelets upon mee, but hee never came to me afterwards.

This *William O'Conner* the Priest, would not suffer me to speake a word in all this discourse, but in Irish, and confessed he hath beene long employed by the Queene-mother in her businesse with all the Princes in Christendome, and with the great Turke, and he professed further to goodwife *Walker*, (as shee told me on Munday last) much of his care in the keeping of the Queens secrets, and that hee would bee burnt in a fire before he would reveale them.

FINIS.

